

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 11 are pending in the present application. Claims 7 and 9 have been amended. Claim 10 has been cancelled. Claim 11 has been added to clarify the types of pain treated by the present invention, which find support in the originally filed claims. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added by way of the present amendments.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

Claims 9 and 10 stand rejected as being broader than what is enabled by the specification.

The Examiner stated in the Office Action at page 2 that only the treatment of pain was supported by the instant specification. While Applicants do not acquiesce to the Examiner's remarks, Claim 9 has been amended to recite pain and new claim 11 has been added to further define the types of pain treated by the present invention. Claim 10 has been cancelled in the present response. Thus, in light of the present claim amendments, Applicants submit that the Examiner's concerns have been fully addressed. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 7 and 9 stand rejected as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the present invention.

Claim 7 has been amended herein to include a closed parenthesis to clarify the compound within the scope of the claimed invention. Additionally, claim 9 has been amended to delete the second occurrence of the "responsive to" and to specify the conditions that are enabled by the specification. As such, Applicants submit that each of the Examiner's concerns has been fully addressed. Withdrawal of the outstanding rejection is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

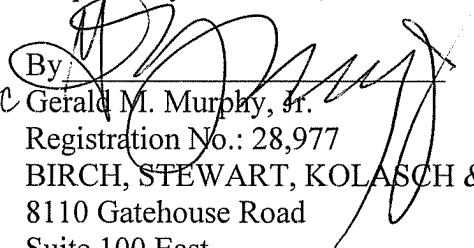
Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe the pending application is now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Monique T. Cole (Reg. No. 60,154) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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